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Chapter 28

Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission

36-28-101 Title.

This chapter is known as the "Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission."

Enacted by Chapter 150, 2014 General Session

36-28-102 Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.

- (1) There is created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.
- (2) The commission membership is composed of 18 permanent members, but may not exceed 23 members, and is as follows:
 - (a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:
 - (i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party; and
 - (ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than one of whom may be from the same political party;
 - (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs or the director's designee;
 - (c) the chair of the Utah Veterans' Advisory Council;
 - (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's designee;
 - (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;
 - (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;
 - (g) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the adjutant general;
 - (h) the Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;
 - (i) a representative from the Board of Regents;
 - (j) three representatives of veteran service organizations as recommended by the Veterans Advisory Council;
 - (k) one representative from the Utah Defense Alliance; and
 - (l) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce recommended by the Utah State Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to five pro tempore members, representing:
 - (a) state or local government agencies;
 - (b) interest groups concerned with veterans issues; or
 - (c) the general public.
- (4)
 - (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
 - (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
- (5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

- (6) The term for each pro tempore member appointed in accordance with Subsection (3) shall be two years from the date of appointment. A pro tempore member may not serve more than three terms.
- (7) If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under this section does not serve the remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced but begins serving a new term.
- (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
 - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Amended by Chapter 62, 2016 General Session

36-28-103 Duties.

The commission shall:

- (1) comply with the rules of legislative interim committees;
- (2) study and make recommendations to the Legislature on the following issues as they impact active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents:
 - (a) reintegration from military to civilian status;
 - (b) employment;
 - (c) finances;
 - (d) education;
 - (e) health and mental health, including suicide prevention;
 - (f) military affairs, including the impact of military bases; and
 - (g) coordination of state and local government resources to assist active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents; and
- (3) consider the unique role of the Utah National Guard and its servicemembers in regard to the issues in Subsection (2).

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36-28-104 Staff support.

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall staff the commission.

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